

Constitution

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By-Laws

Naomi Rebekah Lodge

No. 3



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Certificate of Membership

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This is to certify that
was admitted a member of
Rebekah Lodge No. I.O.O.F., of
on the day of 19

.....
Noble Grand

.....
Recording Secretary

(Seal)

Constitution

FOR

REBEKAH LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
I. O. O. F.

Adopted June 3, 1909.

Revised June 14, 1939.



CREED

Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything like a Sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, as a cardinal principle; and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority; nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of voluntary associations to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. It has always insisted, and will insist, that belief in a Supreme Being is necessary to attain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this belief; no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses faith in such a Supreme Being can honestly and consistently remain with us.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are declared to be:

First: To visit and care for the sick; to relieve the distressed; to bury the dead; and in every way to assist their own members and to assist Subordinate and Sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows when in trouble, sickness or want.

Second: To aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows or deceased Odd Fellows; and Homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows and of deceased sisters of the Rebekah Degree.

Third: To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among lodges and families of Odd Fellows.

PREAMBLE

Under authority vested in it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hereby ordains the following to be the Constitution of all Rebekah Lodges working under its jurisdiction:

TITLES AND POWERS

1.—This lodge shall be constituted of at least ten members of the Rebekah Degree, and shall be entitled Rebekah Lodge No. _____, I.O.O.F., of Saskatche-

wan, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Rebekah Lodge holding a legal charter, duly granted by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

QUORUM

2.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this lodge, including one qualified to preside, be then present.

MEETINGS

3.—The regular meetings of this lodge shall be held weekly or semi-monthly, and not otherwise, and at such times as may be provided for by its By-laws.

4.—Special sessions may be ordered by the lodge to be held on any stated night for special business. They may also be called by the Noble Grand or, in the absence of that officer, by the Vice Grand; and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand, or in her absence the Vice Grand, to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by five or more members. When meetings are called by such officers, not less than twenty-four hours' notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in the local press, or by circular or postcard to each member residing in the city or town, unless the meeting be called to receive a Grand Officer, or to arrange for or to attend the funeral of a member. No business shall be transacted at any special session other than that for which such meeting has been called, and the regular Order of Procedure as set forth in Rule 2 shall be omitted.

5.—Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday the lodge

may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting, and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.

SEAL

6.—This lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith by the Recording Secretary. A proof impression of such seal shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Saskatchewan.

VISITORS

7.—Members of Rebekah Lodges may be admitted as visitors in accordance with the following regulations:

Those who hold membership in a lodge in Saskatchewan may be admitted, provided they give the password for the term, or an Official Certificate showing dues paid to the date of such visit.

Visitors from foreign jurisdictions must present an Official Certificate in date and give the A.P.W., and after passing a satisfactory examination may be admitted. Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, or Grand Encampment of Saskatchewan, who are members in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, may introduce as visitors those whom they know to be members of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing. Members holding Visiting or Withdrawal Cards in date may be admitted, provided they give the proper password and are properly identified. Visitors may be admitted in a body if introduced by the Noble Grand or Vice Grand of their respective Lodges.

PASSWORDS

8.—The presentation of a Visiting Card or Official Certificate in date, and properly signed and sealed, shall be legal authority for a Noble Grand, upon proper identification, to communicate both the S.A.P.W. and A.P.W. to a member of a Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction; and likewise the A.P.W. only to a member from another jurisdiction. No member shall vouch for another, and those whose dues are unpaid shall not be entitled to the semi-annual or annual passwords.

9.—The official term shall be annual or semi-annual. Lodges having the annual term may elect that their term shall commence either on the first meeting night in January or July, and having made this decision must report same to the Assembly Secretary. The semi-annual term shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January and July in each year. The financial term shall begin on the first day of January and July in each year.

RETURNS

10.—It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare and forward to the Rebekah Assembly of Saskatchewan, through the D.D.P., immediately on the expiring of their term of office, a regular return of the work of such term, with the result of the election of officers, etc., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual returns as the Rebekah Assembly may from time to time direct to be used.

11.—Any lodge failing to forward its returns to Assembly by the 1st of January in any year, shall pay to the Assembly a fine of \$5.00, and should such

return not be submitted and the fine paid by the first day of May in any year, such lodge shall be debarred from representation at the ensuing session of the Assembly, and the Assembly Secretary shall immediately after such date notify the lodge accordingly.

12.—Should this lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such brother or sister as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

OFFICERS

13.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the Lodge may elect three Trustees.

14.—No member shall be eligible for the office of Noble Grand who has not served a term as Vice Grand, nor for Vice Grand who has not served in some office prescribed by the Ritual. All officers shall be eligible for re-election and must be free from all charges upon the books of the lodge at the time of election.

15.—Nominations for elective officers shall be made at the regular meeting preceding that of the election and on the night of the election, but no name shall be accepted in nomination until the consent of such party to the said nomination shall have been received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

16.—The election of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand and Recording Secretary shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year if the lodge has a semi-annual term, and at the last meeting in November if an annual term beginning in January and at the last meeting in May if an annual term beginning in July. The election of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall take place at the last regular meeting in November or May of each year, depending on whether the annual term begins in January or July.

17.—The election of lodge trustees shall take place at the same meeting as the election of Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

18.—Before proceeding to open the poll for the election of any officer or trustee, the Noble Grand shall appoint two tellers who shall preside at the ballot box, and allow each member in good standing to deposit his or her ballot, and any ballot containing any writing not the name of a candidate shall be counted a "blank" and so recorded.

19.—It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers to count the votes given and make a correct return thereof to the Noble Grand, who shall declare the result to the Lodge.

20.—If for any office no more than one candidate be in nomination, such candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation, should there be more candidates in nomination than are required, the members present shall elect one of such candidates by paper ballot, and afterwards from among those previously nominated shall proceed to elect the required number. Only one name shall be written upon any ballot,

and only members in good standing shall vote. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary in election. Should there be no choice of an officer in any election a new ballot shall forthwith take place and afterwards be at the order of each candidate who shall have cast the smallest number of votes, as well as those who may have abstained to vote, shall bring the same in case of a tie between two or more of the contestants ballot shall be immediately taken to determine which of those lying shall be dropped.

4. Any member of any Lodge shall hold no elective or appointive office in any Lodge unless such member is entitled to vote the constitution of this Lodge provided for. The Lodge may appoint a Representative to the Assembly who is a Past Noble Grand or Past Grand who may not be a resident within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

5. Every Rite Lodge within the jurisdiction shall at its first meeting in April annually elect by ballot from among its Past Noble Grand in good standing one representative. If the Lodge at its last report had a membership of 100 or under two representatives. If the membership is over 100 and three representatives. If the membership is over 200 who shall represent the Lodge in the Rite Lodge Assembly for one year. At the time of the election of representatives or representatives provided the Lodge shall elect a like number of Past Noble Grand as alternate representatives who shall rank according to the number of votes received.

Any Lodge not having its membership a properly qualified Past Noble Grand may elect a Past Grand who is a resident in good standing in such Lodge.

Should such Lodge not have a Past Noble Grand or a Past Grand properly qualified, it may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its representative.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

12 The appointed officers of this lodge shall be W. C. I. G. O. G. R. S. N. G. L. S. N. G. R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., Chaplain, and Musician.

13 These officers shall be appointed by the Noble Grand immediately after installation, except the R. S. V. G. and L. S. V. G. who shall be appointed at the same time by the Vice Grand.

14 The Noble Grand with the consent of the lodge, may appoint as O. G. a member belonging to any other Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction.

15—This lodge may at any time elect a solicitor or other officer not elsewhere provided for in this Constitution, and may pay for the services rendered out of the General Fund of the lodge, and for such office the lodge may elect a person not a member of the Order.

INSTALLATION

16—The officers of this lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed or as soon as possible thereafter except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed. No member in arrears for dues, or against whom any charge is pending, shall be installed into any office in this lodge.

An officer cannot be installed by proxy.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

17—The officers of this lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are or

may hereafter be prescribed by this Constitution, by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Rebekah Assembly and Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this lodge.

A member cannot occupy any position nor discharge any function in a Degree Staff unless such member is qualified to fill such a position by the rank attained as a member of the Order.

28. Every officer who may be required to state any duties or deliver any Charge in the lodge, shall memorize the same prior to installation, and in default thereof the office may be declared vacant by vote of the lodge.

29. It shall be the duty of the Past Noble Grand to attend regularly the meetings of this lodge, to deliver the charge of that office or see that the same be done by a Past Noble Grand, to watch over the welfare and interests of the widows and children of deceased Odd Fellows resident within the jurisdiction of this lodge, and in the absence of the Vice Grand, to act as chairman of the Visiting Committee.

NOBLE GRAND

30. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the lodge to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws and proper respect for the Rebekah Assembly and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, to see that all officers of the lodge and the members of the committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by their respective charges, to take charge of the charter in the lodge and to have it always in the lodge while in session, to summon special meetings as required by law, to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, to fill all vacancies occurring in com-

officers originally appointed by the Noble Grand, to ascertain and to announce to the lodge the result of all balloting and other votes to give the casting vote in case of a tie vote in a regular or special meeting before the lodge except the vote to be by ballot in general a copy of the constitution and By-Laws to each member but no other documents of the Fraternity Secretary are sent to him and the lodge the amount of treasury dues and lodge dues and whether the Treasurer has received the same likewise to serve him in some watching, attend the funeral of every unaccompanied deceased member to take charge of such a funeral when necessary in the absence of competent relatives and to act as a mourner to be present at and regulate the disbursements and to perform such other duties as opportunities may offer. The Noble Grand shall not make nor attend any meeting nor take part in any debate while on the floor.

VICE GRAND

It shall be the duty of the Vice Grand to assist the Noble Grand and in the absence of the Noble Grand to perform the duties of that officer, to appoint the supporters of the lodge and the majority of all committees or Subcommittees and as Chairman of the Working Committee and make a report at each regular meeting concerning the sickness of any member of this lodge and of any lodge in this Order who may be requested for the time being in the jurisdiction of this lodge and to take charge of the dues under the Noble Grand.

RECORDING SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of this lodge to take charge of and safely keep the seal, to keep carefully and in good order all books

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It is also for the duty of the Employer to remove from the Employer's premises all persons of

the lodge at the close of each meeting and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the lodge to keep the several funds of the lodge separate and distinct to pay all legal warrants signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary and make other and charge the same to the respective Funds to keep correct accounts of all moneys belonging to the lodge and to have the books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty four hours after the close of each financial term ending with June and December to make full reports of the receipts and disbursements for the previous term at the first regular meeting in January and July to deliver up to the succeeding Treasurer or when legally called upon all moneys books papers and other property of the lodge and to furnish the Financial Secretary with such information when called upon as will enable that officer to prepare the reports for the Regular Assembly and for such service shall be paid such sum as shall be provided for in the By-laws.

WARDEN

25.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the regalia and other property of the lodge when not entrusted to another officer to act as Chairman of the Property Committee to count all votes taken upon regular meetings distribute ballot papers prior to the election of officers and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the charges of office, or by resolution of the lodge or this Constitution.

CONDUCTOR

26.—It shall be the duty of the Conductor to assist the Warden in the work of that office

TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

37 The lodge may elect a board of not less than three Trustees, who shall serve until their successors assume office. At the first election thereof one Trustee shall be elected to serve for one year, a second for two years, and a third for three years. At the annual election in November or May, one Trustee shall be elected to fill the position of the one then completing his or her term. Any Trustee failing to discharge any of the duties may be dismissed from office by a vote of the lodge after notice of motion to that effect shall have been given.

38- The duties of such trustees shall be to invest the funds of the lodge as the lodge may direct, and perform such other duties as may be entrusted to them. All members elected trustees must be in good standing at the time of their election.

HONORS OF OFFICE

39.—The Noble Grand and the Vice Grand must serve a majority of the meeting nights in the term and until the end of the term, in order to be entitled to the honors of office. Officers elected to fill vacancies and serving to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the honors of said office.

OFFICERS' BOND

40.—The lodge shall keep the officers of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer bonded with the company selected by the Grand Lodge for that purpose for such sum as the lodge may deem advisable, but in no case to be less than one hundred dollars on each office. The fee for such bond shall be 35c for each 100.00 of bond required and shall be forwarded to the Assembly Secretary in the month of November of each year.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE

41 Any office the vacancy of which may have been shown without application therefor from those entitled to request meetings may be declared vacant by the vote of the college as a sanction to that effect, provided notice of such decision has been given at the regular meeting preceding to that at which the vote is to be taken.

42 Any vacancy in office by resignation, death or otherwise shall be filled by election or appointment made in the manner required in the case of elective offices. The vacancy due to the death of a member shall take place at the meeting at which such death is declared, and at the time of the next regular meeting. The members then in the house shall elect or appoint a member to fill the vacancy of an appointed officer. The vacancy shall be filled at the meeting or at the regular meeting next following that at which the vacancy is declared. The members in election or appointment shall be entitled to the privileges and immunities of office in serving a majority of the meeting, while occupying in such term and in the next term, a full term of a majority in the office of the holder thereof at the period of all qualified members of the college shall request office. The college may determine whether it wishes provided that a determination for the purpose be obtained from the President before such office is started may be completed or not at such office.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

43 Any member of a Committee failing to discharge any of the duties may be disqualified themselves by a vote of the college at the regular meeting and notify members that disqualified shall forfeit any salary in the college period at such disqualification. The college may request all books, papers, libraries or other property of the college.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS

44.—Any officer charged with official misconduct may be dismissed from office after due trial, or suspended from membership, after suspension vacating the office. Any officer or other person holding an official position failing to discharge any duty assigned by the Constitution or the resolution of this lodge may be dismissed from office by vote of the lodge after one week's notice.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

45.—The Noble Grand, on the night of installation, shall appoint, subject to the approval of the lodge, the following Standing Committees to serve for the current official term, viz. A Finance Committee, a Property Committee, a Visiting Committee and a Membership Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

46.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them at the same or next regular meeting, and to audit semi-annually the books and semi-annual return of the Financial Secretary and of the Treasurer and of all other officers and committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of any of the lodge funds.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

47.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members (including the Warden who shall be chairman thereof) whose duty it shall be to take charge of all regalia and other effects of the lodge not especially entrusted to particular officers or to other

committees, to procure for the lodge such articles as may be necessary or as the lodge may direct, to cause to be made all repairs to regalia or other property of the lodge as to them may seem requisite, or as the lodge may direct and to make a full report of their proceedings at the close of each half year. This committee shall not expend a greater sum than \$5.00 during any half year without the previous consent of the Lodge.

VISITING COMMITTEE

48.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least seven sister members, including the Past Noble Grand of whom the Vice Grand shall be chairman, and shall be selected from such different parts of the lodge jurisdiction as to be convenient for visiting other members of the lodge.

49.—It shall be the duty of each sister on the Visiting Committee, who shall receive notice of a sister being sick to visit such sister within twenty-four hours thereafter and to render her such aid as her case may require or admit.

50.—Every unsuspended sister resident within the jurisdiction of this lodge shall notify the lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of her sickness or forfeit the attention of such committee until such notice shall be given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

51. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be to visit members who may have become in arrears for dues, and to use their best endeavors to prevent the suspension or to secure the reinstatement of such members.

MEMBERSHIP

12. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rotarian Lodge:

1) All persons who have received the Rotarian Degree

2) All (old) Fellows in good standing who have attained the third degree or degree of truth, those who are now daughters, their sisters and their mothers and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased (old) Fellows who at the time of their death are a member of the lodge and the mother of an adopted son who is an (old) Fellow

3) Any woman who has attained the age of eighteen years who resides in a Supreme Council jurisdiction and is one of the 50 women and who are of good moral character. The provision is total applies to all jurisdictions

4) Applicants for membership in this lodge by invitation must reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge at least six months prior to making application and be approved by the lodge. The applicant must be recommended by the membership for initiation and brothers voting by card shall be submitted from within the lodge to be so accepted. A fee shall be paid to receive the card.

5) Every petition for membership must be submitted on the form supplied by the lodge and must be accompanied by the admission fee

6) Any person who has been given the Rotarian Degree having knowledge of receiving his lodge shall make application on the form supplied by the lodge which application must be accompanied by a Vouching Witness or Local Lodge and or by an Officer or Exalted Officer or a witness that the applicant had resigned membership where in good standing. The applications shall then be disposed of as they appear in a petition for initiation.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Sec. - A member of a Rebekah Lodge who has established residence within the territorial jurisdiction of a Rebekah Lodge other than his or her own, may acquire Associate Membership therein. Such membership shall not interfere in any way with his or her membership in another lodge in which he or she may retain membership or his or her rights, privileges or duties therein. The rights, privileges or duties of an Associate Member shall be the same as those of other members in his own lodge. Continuation of the Associate Membership shall be dependent upon the continuation of the original membership in his or her own lodge but should the Associate Member be suspended by the lodge of which he or she is an Associate Member his or her membership in the lodge of original membership shall not be disturbed thereby.

Associate Members' dues must be paid in advance in his or her own lodge. A fee of one dollar shall be charged upon application to become an Associate Member this to be accompanied by applicant's receipt showing dues paid in advance in his or her own lodge. The dues for Associate Membership shall be \$1.00 per year and the Assembly shall not charge Per Capita Tax on Associate Members.

CHANGING LODGE

Sec. - A member of the Order in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card changing his (or her) residence from the territorial jurisdiction of his (or her) lodge to the territorial jurisdiction of another and desiring to unite with a lodge at such new place of residence upon making application for membership accompanied by his (or her) Official Certificate or Visiting Card, showing dues paid three months in advance, and being elected as provided

by hand two open orders being sent by the Secretary to his or her lodge and lodge chief, unless charges are pending, without delay and upon receipt of the proof of the Transfer certificate viz. It shall issue a Transfer certificate and send the same at once to the Secretary pending for the lodge and upon the receipt of the Transfer Certificate the member shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and become a member of the new lodge without the payment of any admission fee.

The Secretary shall report to the Secretary issuing the Transfer Certificate the date of signing the Constitution of the new lodge and shall make a record thereof and the old lodge shall immediately refund to the member all dues paid in advance of the date of signing the Constitution of the new lodge.

The issuing of a Transfer certificate shall sever membership in the lodge issuing it provided that if a member becomes sick or disabled or should die before the date to which dues are paid and before completing membership by signing the Constitution of the new lodge upon the said Transfer certificate shall be executed and returned to the lodge issuing the same the said members shall remain standing in the old lodge the same as though the Transfer Certificate had not been issued.

If the member fails to sign the Constitution of the new lodge within three months after the date of execution the Transfer Certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the lodge issuing the same and the member shall hold the same standing in the old lodge as though the Transfer Certificate had not been issued.

Provided that a member desiring to transfer membership from one lodge to another having no previous jurisdiction the lodge starting such member shall apply to his or her lodge for a Withdrawal Card.

which such lodge shall grant, if the applicant is free from all charges and has paid all fees and dues owed, including the fee of 50 cents for the card.

37 Every application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Noble Grand and one by the Vice Grand, who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn, which may be done by the proposer at any time prior to the report of the Committee on Character being read, but not afterwards.

38 Any candidate failing to appear for initiation for thirteen weeks after election must again be proposed and balloted for as in the case of a new candidate.

39 In any case where a candidate for membership has been elected but subsequent to election, and prior to initiation the lodge becomes satisfied that such candidate is unworthy it shall be competent for the lodge to annul such election and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. A new ballot must then be taken on the report of the committee.

40 A proposition for membership or reinstatement may be laid on the table for one week before the appointment of the Committee on Character.

41 - No application for membership shall be made known to any person not a member of the Rebekah Degree in good standing until the same shall have been favorably determined by election, under penalty of suspension for thirteen weeks.

42.—No candidate for membership by initiation who has been rejected in any Rebekah Lodge shall

be proposed in this lodge until at least six months after such rejection.

43 Any brother of this lodge who may become suspended or expelled in his Subordinate Lodge shall stand suspended in this lodge until regularly reinstated in his Subordinate Lodge.

44 No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Rebekah Lodge at the same time.

RE-ADMISSION

45 —Should any member who has received a Withdrawal Card from this lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be readmitted to membership and be accepted the lodge may remit the entrance fee or any portion thereof.

46 When any member expelled from membership desires to be admitted to this lodge the consent of the lodge from which such member was expelled must first be obtained. The application of any expelled member for readmission shall be referred to a committee of five members three of whom shall be appointed by the Noble Grand and two by the Vice Grand, who after due investigation shall report thereon at the next regular meeting and if a majority of the members then present shall vote favorably the applicant shall be declared eligible for admission and with the consent of the Grand Master may be admitted.

BALLOT

47 A ballot shall be taken on an application immediately upon the presentation of the report of the Committee on Character unless otherwise determined by the lodge. If less than three ballot

back by three the candidate shall be accepted, but if three or more appear shall be rejected. Upon the intimation of the Vice Grand that the ballot is unfavorable the lodge shall upon the request of any member forthwith proceed to rehear the ballot, in order to verify the fact, but black balls have not been cast yet or and if upon such ballot three or more black balls appear the candidate shall be declared rejected and any proposition for reception by the lodge shall be refused to the candidate unless action for reconsideration be taken within four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection and in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

48 In balloting for a candidate it is the duty of the Noble Grand to supervise the ballot. After allowing an opportunity for any member to speak for or against the candidate she shall direct the Warder to prepare the ballot, which that officer shall do by first proving that the receptacle is clean and sufficient ballots provided for the members. The Warder shall then present the box to the Noble Grand and V. G. and so that three officers may vote without leaving their stations. The box is then to be placed on a pedestal in the middle of the room, and the members vote under the supervision of the Noble Grand.

49 Upon the close of the ballot, the Vice Grand shall inspect the same. The Noble Grand shall then inspect the ballot and ask Vice Grand, how stands the ballot. The V. G. Grand shall respond, "Favorable or Unfavorable" as the case may be. The Noble Grand shall confirm or reject the findings of the Vice Grand and declare the candidate elected or rejected.

50 When more than one application for membership shall be before the lodge for action at the same time, a collective ballot may be taken upon

all such petitions, but should three or more blank balls appear in said collective ballot, then said collective ballot shall be void, and separate ballot shall be cast upon each petition.

CONTRACT

71 Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this lodge on admission; thereto, such admission when by card or certificate dated afloat from the time of acceptance by vote of the lodge and every member shall be subject to the Constitution and By-laws, although the same may not have been signed by such member.

JURISDICTION

72.—The jurisdiction of this lodge shall extend halfway to the nearest lodge in every direction by the most direct travelled route provided always where lodges are located within adjoining urban municipalities the boundary line between such municipalities shall separate the jurisdictions of such lodges. In cities or towns where there are two or more lodges, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

73 No proposition for membership shall be received or acted upon if the candidate's residence be out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which the applicant resides, nor if the applicant's residence be not within the jurisdiction of the lodge in which application is made unless consent of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant lives be obtained and in the event of the violation of this clause the lodge so violating shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the lodge or lodges having jurisdiction over such applicant.

CARDS

74.—Any member in good standing desiring to withdraw from this lodge may signify such desire either personally in open lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary whereupon the lodge shall proceed to ballot with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of a Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefore may tender a written resignation of membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Recording Secretary, under the seal of the lodge a certificate to that effect and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of resignation, provided that upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge. Dues must be paid to the date of issue of a card or certificate.

DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES

75. This lodge shall grant upon written application therefor a Dismissal Certificate to a member who is under suspension for non-payment of dues on the payment of \$1.00

FEES

76.—The initiation fee of this lodge shall not be less than \$5.00 and must be paid at the time of application for membership.

77. The fee for a Transfer Certificate shall be twenty five cents, for a Withdrawal Card fifty cents, and for a Dismissal Certificate one dollar. The fee shall be paid at the time of applying for a card or

certificate, and shall be credited to the General Fund.

72.—The money received on account of an application for membership shall be placed to the candidate's admission fee, provided such candidate appear within thirteen weeks after having been notified of acceptance; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund.

QUARTERLY DUES

73.—The amount of dues payable by members of this lodge shall be regulated by the By-laws, provided they are not less than \$2.00 per year and shall be paid in quarterly installments on the first regular meeting in each quarter, and all fines and assessments shall become the same as dues thirteen weeks after the same are levied.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES

80.—Whenever it may become known that any member of this lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress the case shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, to grant any sum not exceeding \$25.00.

81.—If a member of a distant lodge apply to this lodge for relief, on the presentation of a card or official certificate the case shall be referred to the Noble Grand and one or more members who shall make such inquiries as they may consider necessary, and if found satisfactory they shall be at liberty to

contribute at once a sum not exceeding \$3.00 and shall report the same to the lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary such further sum may be voted as shall be deemed proper but not to exceed \$10.00.

DISABILITIES

82 -- No member shall be held to be in good standing while under charges duly preferred.

83 No member shall be permitted to appear in lodge while under suspension except for the purpose of answering charges duly preferred.

84 No member shall be entitled to speak, vote or obtain the password if in arrears for dues.

SUSPENSION FOR N.P.D.

85 -- Any member of this lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year shall be reported to the lodge by the Financial Secretary and on such report shall be suspended from active membership unless the lodge by resolution extend the time of payment, provided that a member under suspension for any cause other than N.P.D. shall not be suspended from membership for N.P.D. until the expiration of the term of suspension.

86 No member of this lodge shall be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at least thirty days' notice of the proposed suspension including a statement of arrears of dues has been given by the Financial Secretary which notice may be either printed or written and delivered or by registered post prepaid sent to the member or left at his or her last known place of abode or of business. A return of such proceedings shall be made by the Recording Secretary and a record thereof entered upon the minutes.

27 It is one of the principles of this Order that a person once affiliated with it may by reason of non-payment of dues be deprived of the privileges provided for members in good standing without finally losing membership.

REINSTATEMENT

28 No member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues except members of defunct lodges and those possessing Immortal Certificates shall be entitled to active membership in this lodge without the consent of the lodge (or its local council) and a petition and a fee not less than \$1.00 shall be presented and accepted and a fee not less than \$1.00 be taken for each application excepting the reinitiation of initiation and accepting also that in the case of a non-resident member of this lodge it shall not be necessary to re-sign the lodge book.

29 Any member of this lodge suspended for non-payment of dues desiring to be reinstated therein shall make application on the prescribed form.

30 A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the lodge by paying the amount of six months dues and being reinstated in the manner provided in sections 32 & 36 of the Constitution.

31 A member suspended for non-payment of dues who makes application for reinstatement and a Withdrawal Card may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card upon payment of the price of the card and a fee equivalent to six months dues.

32 When any member suspended for cause other than non-payment of dues desires to be reinstated before the expiration of the term of suspension, the case shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the

Wobles Grand and two by the Vice Grand, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting and if a majority of the members then present shall vote favorably the applicant shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and with the consent of the Grand Master may be reinstated but no such member shall be reinstated until all dues that have accrued to date of reinstatement have been paid.

FUNDS

13.—This lodge shall have a General Fund, and it may provide by its bylaws for a Home Fund, a Contingent Fund, a Special Fund, or funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order and for the relief of distress or for some worthy charity outside the Order calculated to emphasize the broad spirit and general principles of Odd Fellowship. This Special Fund can only be spent after a dispensation has been obtained from the President.

14.—The General Fund shall consist of all moneys at its credit at the adoption of this Constitution and all moneys hereafter received on account of fees, dues, rents, cards, certificates, interest from investment of moneys belonging to such fund, or from sale of any property of the lodge and all donations and bequests or assessments thereof.

15.—The Contingent Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging therein at the adoption of this Constitution and if provided for by By-law two per cent of all fees and dues of the lodge to be credited at the close of each half year and all special collections for or contributions to this fund.

16.—The receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the General Fund.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

87.—Such money in the possession of the lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Saskatchewan or in mortgages which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple, or in the debentures of some municipality or incorporated loan company in Saskatchewan, or by deposit in some chartered bank or loan company in Saskatchewan, but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

88.—No motion for the expenditure of moneys of this lodge for real estate building, furniture or regalia, nor any motion for the expenditure for any other purpose of any sum exceeding ten dollars, excepting for the payment of working expenses, shall be put to the lodge, unless two weeks' notice thereof has been given.

TRIALS AND PENALTIES

89. All charges preferred against members of this lodge and the trial thereof, shall be according to the rules and regulations provided by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for the government of its subordinates.

VOTING

90.—No member can speak or vote upon any question unless clothed in appropriate regalia. Voting upon admission or reinstatement or upon sustaining charges, or the infliction of any form of penalty, after trial and conviction, or upon granting With-

drawal Cards shall be by ball ballot. When electing officers or committees the voting shall be by paper ballot, except where the election is by acclamation. Voting, not otherwise provided for shall be as prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

REGALIA AND JEWELS

MR.—The regalia and jewels for officers of Rebekah lodges shall be as follows, to wit:

Each collar shall be not exceeding three inches in width each badge shall be not exceeding three and one-half inches in width and each jewel shall be of silver or silver-plated or white metal circular in form, and one and one-half inches in diameter with design hereinafter specified or stamped on one side and with the other side plain.

For the Noble Grand Regalia, a collar with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe jewel, with representation or figure of "Rebekah at the Well," and underneath the word "Fidelity."

For the Vice Grand Regalia, a collar with green centre and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe jewel with representation or figure of Ruth and Naomi and underneath the word "Industry."

For the Recording Secretary Regalia, a collar with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with silver lace jewel, with a representation of a pen, and underneath the word "Duties."

For the Financial Secretary The same collar and jewel as the Secretary's, except the word "Duties" shall be omitted from the jewel.

For the Treasurer Regalia, a collar with green, centre and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace.

jewel, a representation of a figure of a key and underneath the word "Trust."

For the Warden Regalia, a baldric with upper side green and lower side pink, with three rows of silver lace, one on each edge and one along the centre, the lowest edge to be trimmed with silver lace, jewel, with representation or figure of a bar and axe crossed, and underneath the word "Hope."

For the Conductor Regalia, same as Warden's in shape and color, with row of silver lace around inner edge, jewel with representation or figure of two wands, crossed, and underneath the word "Safety."

For the Inside Guardian Regalia, same as Warden's, jewel, with representation or figure of a shield crossed by a spear and underneath the word "Prove."

For the Outside Guardian Regalia, same as Conductor's except that row of silver lace be on the outside none in the centre, jewel same as Inside Guardian's, except that the word shall be "Vigilance."

For the Chaplain Regalia, a white baldric, with silver lace on each edge the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves.

For the Supporters of Noble Grand Regalia, a baldric with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Supporters to Vice Grand Regalia, baldric with green centre and pink edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Musician: A pink baldric with green edges, trimmed with silver lace.

For each Past Noble Grand: The regalia shall be the same as for the Noble Grand, except that the

lace and fringe shall be of gold instead of silver; and the jewel shall be a five-pointed star of white metal, and the use of the jewel shall be optional to all but the Junior Past Grand.

All of the foregoing shall apply to all officers and Past Noble Grands, irrespective of sex.

Brethren who are not officers of Past Noble Grands shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge.

Sisters who are not officers of Past Noble Grands shall wear badges or collars of pink and green, not exceeding three inches in width.

Any junior member of the Rebekah Lodge, who has been a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge for fifteen consecutive years, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated the Rebekah Veteran's Jewel, I.O.O.F. This jewel may be worn in lieu of regalia.

BY-LAWS

101 This lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time such by-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal or amend the same provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution or Rules of Order for Rebekah Lodges, the Constitution and By-laws of the Rebekah Assembly or Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan or the laws principles or customs of the Order but no by-law shall become operative unless approved by the Rebekah Assembly, or during recess by the Committee on Laws of the Rebekah Assembly.

102—No motion to adopt, amend or repeal any by-law of this lodge shall be made unless the same has been read at three regular meetings.

104.—All such by-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Assembly Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the lodge and the signature of the Noble Grand and Secretary, one copy to be retained by the Committee on Laws of the Rebekah Assembly of Saskatchewan and the other to be returned to the Lodge certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

APPEALS

105.—Any member dissatisfied with the action of the lodge may appeal therefrom to the District Deputy President, and the lodge, of such member, if dissatisfied with the decision, may appeal therefrom to the President or the Rebekah Assembly. The appeals above specified shall in each case be taken within one month from the date of the action or decision appealed from, and such appeal shall be conducted in a manner similar to appeals respecting trials.

106.—When either the General Fund or Sick Nursing Fund of this lodge becomes reduced to less than the sum of twenty-five dollars, the lodge shall have power to assess their members, but no assessment shall exceed the sum of one dollar on each member.

AMENDMENTS

107.—This Constitution and Rules of Order for Rebekah Lodges or any part thereof shall not be amended (except as provided by Rule No. XXIV) suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and then only by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR

REBEKAH LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan



Rule I.—As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair, the officers and members present shall take their respective stations, and the lodge shall then be opened in regular form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows:

1.—Calling the roll of officers.

2.—Presentation of cards of visitors and appointing committee on examination.

3.—Reading minutes of last regular and special meetings.

4.—Receiving applications for membership, and their reference to committee on character.

5.—Reports of committee on character of candidates previously proposed.

6.—Balloting on candidates for membership.

7.—Admission by Initiation, Card or Reinstatement.

8.—Report of Sick and Visiting Committee.

9.—Presentation and disposal of Acomunic.

10.—Reports of Special Committees.

11. Reports of Officers.

12.—Reading and consideration of communications.

13.—Reports of Finance and other standing committees.

14. Unfinished business.

15.—New business.

16.—Good and welfare.

17.—Closing the lodge.

Rule III.—The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the lodge on all questions; may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all points of order subject to an appeal to the lodge by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once; and may vote on all questions decided by ballot. When a tie occurs on a vote by ballot, the question shall be decided in the negative. When a vote is not by ballot, the presiding officer shall have only a casting vote.

Rule IV.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding officer, or the lodge.

Rule V.—No question shall be put by the presiding officer unless regularly moved and seconded, nor be open for consideration until so put, and when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion.

- (1) To adjourn,
- (2) To lay on the table;
- (3) To put the previous question,
- (4) To postpone indefinitely,
- (5) To postpone to a certain time,
- (6) To refer, or
- (7) To amend or substitute.

These several motions if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—After the question shall have been stated by the Noble Grand, that officer shall ask, "Is the lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak the presiding officer shall rise to put the question, whereupon all debate shall cease.

Rule VII.—When the call for the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put at once in the following words: "Shall the question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative the debate shall cease and the chair shall put to vote all pending amendments, in their proper order, and afterwards the original motion. If the call of the previous question be decided in the negative, the question shall be before the lodge as before.

Rule VIII.—Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit it.

Rule IX.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Rule X The "yes" and "noys" shall be taken and recorded on the roll of any member, duly recorded.

Rule XI After any question (except a motion for substitute judgement) or for the previous question, has been decided by the vote it shall not be again brought before it during the term in which it was decided unless a notice of motion for reconsideration be g. on by two of the members who voted to it the previous vote either at the meeting at which such question was decided or at the next followng meeting, but such question shall not be reconsidered without a vote of the vote to that effect after notice of such an intention shall have been given a " " equal meeting nor shall any question be decided by the vote again be brought up for reconsideration after the expiration of the term in which it was decided unless a notice of motion therefor shall have been given at the meeting previous to that at which it is to be acted upon.

Rule XII The presiding officer shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair except in case of appeal from the decision of the chair or upon a point of order.

Rule XIII Every member entitled to speak shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener unless by permission of the presiding officer.

Rule XIV Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer bringing to the question and avoiding personalities and should more than one member rise to speak at the same time the presiding officer shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

Rule XV—The presiding officer or any member may call a member to order while speaking, and, in

such case the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the member so called to order shall be asked until the point of order thus raised be determined and shall not speak again upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the chair.

Rule XVI In all cases where a member appeals from the decision of the chair the following words shall be used: "Noble Grand I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the lodge. The presiding officer shall make such explanation as shall be necessary and the lodge may discuss and then decide the question. The Noble Grand shall put the question in the following words: "Will the lodge sustain the decision of the chair?"

Rule XVII When a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not be again introduced during the same or next succeeding meeting.

Rule XVIII Any member who may have been called to order for transgression of etiquette or improper feeling must apologize to the lodge or to any aggrieved party as required to do so by the presiding officer and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize unless specially permitted to do so by the presiding officer.

Rule XIX The presiding officer or the lodge may at any time require all members present to vote upon any pending question or may require any member or members from so doing.

Rule XX Visitors may address the lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the presiding officer.

Rule XXI No person shall retire while the lodge is open without permission of the presiding officer.

or enter or retire during the opening or closing ceremonies, nor during balloting, nor while a degree is being conferred.

Rule XXII—No one shall cross the floor while a member is speaking, nor without permission of the presiding officer, nor disturb another while addressing the chair, unless to raise a point of order.

Rule XXIII A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II for the remainder of a meeting may at any time be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

Rule XXIV—These rules, or any part thereof, shall not be amended, suspended or annulled (except in the cases provided for by Rule XXIII, and excepting also that Rule II may be permanently amended in the same manner as the by-laws) unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Rule XXV—All questions of order arising and not provided for by these rules shall be decided in accordance with Cushing's Manual.

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The foregoing Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of Rebekah Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was adopted at the Session of Grand Lodge, held in the City of Moose Jaw on the third day of June, 1909, and as revised at subsequent sessions, and is hereby certified correct.

ADA FLORENCE ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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BYLAWS

OF

Naomi Rebekah Lodge No. 3

REGINA SASKATCHEWAN

I. O. O. F.

Revised and Amended March 1943

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NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE

1 This Lodge shall be known by the title of NAOMI REBEKAH LODGE No 3 I.O.O.F. located at Regina Province of Saskatchewan.

MEETINGS

2 The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the First and Third Tuesday evenings of each month at eight o'clock.

MEMBERSHIP

3 Applications for membership in this Lodge must be made in conformity with sections 52-68 of the Rebekah Constitution.

APPLICATIONS

4 a The admission fee for sisters and brothers shall be \$5.00, payable at the time of making application. If the cash does not come forward within thirteen weeks the fee shall be forfeited if refused admission. The fee shall be returned.

b Members joining by Deposit of Card shall pay a fee of Fifty Cents except those joining by Transfer who shall be admitted free.

c Members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in this Lodge upon proper application accompanied by a FEE equal to the amount of six months dues.

DUES

a. The annual dues of this Lodge shall be \$1.00 per year and shall be due 3rd January in each quarter. It is a men's and a women's dues be of that. The person who has not paid said dues.

b. The payment of an applicant is requested to cover at least three months dues at the time the application is received and the balance there is paid.

SALARIES

The Recording Secretary and the Financial Secretary shall be paid the sum of One Dollar \$1.00 and the Treasurer be sum of Five Dollars \$5.00 for their services as such (it was moving the same to be paid at the discretion of each business meeting).

FUNDS

a. The Funds of this Lodge shall be as follows:

(a) General Fund. There shall be carried to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of the said fund and all other moneys accruing to the Lodge in accordance with Section 94 of the Rebekah Constitution.

b. Contingent Fund. There shall be carried to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time of the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of said fund and ten per cent of all moneys received for fines and dues of the Lodge after the passing of these by-laws and all donations and bequests which may be made thereto.

c. Home and Benevolent Fund. There shall be carried to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time of the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of said funds and ten per cent of dues paid each year after the passing of these by-laws and all donations and bequests which may be made thereto.

(d) Special Relief Fund. There shall be placed to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time

of the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of said fund and all moneys raised for the purpose of giving relief outside the Lodge. For the disbursement of this fund a Dispensation must be received from the Assembly President.

(c) Veteran Jewel Fund.—There shall be carried to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time of the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of the said fund, and all donations and bequests which may be made to it after the passing of these by-laws.

(d) Patriotic Fund.—There shall be carried to the credit of this fund all moneys which at the time of the passing of these by-laws shall be at the credit of said fund, and all donations and bequests which hereafter may be made thereto. No dispensation is required for the disbursement of this fund.

PENALTIES

9. If any member of this Lodge shall disclose the rejection of a candidate for admission to membership, he or she shall be subject to charges laid for expulsion after due trial, or such other punishment as a majority of the Lodge members may determine. Whenever such rejection occurs this law shall be read to the Lodge.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

10. No motion in any way relating to the investment of the funds of this Lodge shall be put to vote at any meeting unless at least two weeks' notice of motion has been given by the mover, nor shall any motion for the appropriation of money (other than for necessary working expenses for the purpose of relief) be put to vote unless at least two weeks' notice has been given, nor shall any such motion for the investment or appropriation of money be carried unless two-thirds of the members present vote in its favor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. At the first meeting after December, 1940, one member of this Committee shall be appointed to serve

three Lodge terms, the second member shall be appointed to serve for two terms, and the third for one term. At the beginning of each term hereafter (January and July) one member shall be appointed to fill the position of the member then completing her term and shall serve for the next three terms.

SPECIAL RELIEF

12. Whenever it may become known that any Sister of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any sudden or unlooked for disposition, it shall be competent for the Noble Grand and Vice Grand to grant her a sum not exceeding Five Dollars (\$5.00), when her case shall be referred to a special committee of three Sisters, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the Lodge whether any additional sum, in their opinion, should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, to grant her any sum not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

AMENDMENTS

13. No amendments to these bylaws shall be made at any time unless in accordance with Sections 102, 103 and 104 of the Rebekah Constitution.

Submitted by Committee:

Sisters:

(Mrs.) VERA FAULKNER,

(Mrs.) A. CARSON,

(Mrs.) FANNIE McNAMARA,

(Miss) NITA COWAN, Conveener.

GERTRUDE FERRIE,

Noble Grand.

FANNIE McNAMARA,

Secretary.

